

## DELEGATE REPORT FOR THE NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

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From: Scott Rose, Ohio Association Delegate to the 2014 USATF Annual Meeting

During this year's Annual Convention in Anaheim, California, I was able to attend two Executive Board meetings of the National Officials Committee (NOC), both General Sessions of the NOC, the NOC Awards committee meeting and one of the four Officials Training Clinics. This report will be a compilation of the four meetings and the clinic. I attended the

- NOC Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m.
- NOC Awards Committee Meeting on December 2 at 1:30 p.m.
- Officials General Session No. 1 on Wednesday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m.
- Clinic ~ "New Officials Training ~ A Practicum Based Approach on Thursday December 4"
- Officials General Session No. 2 on Thursday, December 4

The chair, Len Krsak, opened the session of the NOC Executive and General Sessions with the reports from the secretary and treasurer, both to be available on line in the near future at the [Officials webpage](#). The reports were approved.

Elections were conducted for Treasurer, Vice-Chair Awards and Vice-Chair Certification. The following is the new National Officials Committee Executive Board:

**Chair:** Len A. Krsak  
**Secretary:** Tom Hott  
**Treasurer:** Doug Allen  
**Vice Chair of Awards:** Scott Rose  
**Vice Chair of Certification:** Jimmy Stuart  
**Vice Chair ~ Rules:** Mark Kostek  
**Vice Chair ~ Training:** Rob Buzaitis  
**At-Large:** Jim Carlisle  
**At-Large:** John Murray  
**At-Large:** Dan Reynolds  
**Parliamentarian:** Don Berry

Gordon Boccock presented the finalist for the several NOC Awards. Six outstanding officials are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, Laurie Boemker of New England, James Flanik of Lake Erie, Len Krsak of Ohio, Sue Polansky of New York, Daniel Reynolds of Arizona and Eric Zemper of Michigan.

Mark Kostek, Vice-Chair Rules presented an update on rule changes. There were 102 rules submitted for consideration. Of those 102, 47 were approved as presented and 11 were approved with amendments. Mark Kostek recommends review of Item #2 ~ video review, Item #34 ~ assistance setting blocks, Item #49 ~ vault box collar and Item #97 ~ hammer specifications. The complete list of rules can be found in the [Document Library](#).

Bob Podkaminer announced that this was a rules update for NCAA. He said the new rule book can be downloaded for free in PDF format or purchase for a small fee plus shipping from the

[NCAA Rules webpage](#). In addition Bob advised that you can find rule clarifications and rule interpretations at the same site.

Jimmy Stewart reported that the selection committee received 375 acceptable applications to work the three national championships (Indoor, Senior Outdoor, and Junior Outdoor). The selection committee did not review 11 applications because they were incomplete. The Ohio Association had 9 officials selected to work one or more of the championships. The complete list can be found at <http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/info/championship-meet-selection.asp>.

Don Berry briefed the group on the Ludus Tours Grant. In conjunction with the NOC officials, Ludus Tours announced there is grant money for officials under the age of 40 to work the 2015 Youth Championships. These championships include the Hershey Youth National Indoor Championship (March 14-15, Landover, Maryland), the Hershey Youth National Outdoor Track & Field Championship (June 30-July 5, Lisle, IL), the USATF Junior Olympics (July 22-Aug 2, Jacksonville, FL), the Masters Indoor National Meet (March 20-22, Winston-Salem, NC) and the Masters Outdoor National meet (July 23-26, Jacksonville, FL). Ludus Tours will provide a \$500.00 stipend to ten (10) officials to help offset expenses involved when officiating these meets. The money is to encourage and support the younger officials who are typically short of funds or time off from their jobs.

Rich Schornstein announced that there are currently 110 documents posted on the Best Practices webpage. He updates anywhere from 2 to 5 of the documents per month. Rich is always looking for input from other officials. The site was recently upgraded and additional changes are coming.

Jimmy Stuart announced that all certified officials can now access their profile and make changes and updates themselves. To access the site the officials are asked to visit <https://my.usatfofficials.com/account/register> to create an account. They are asked to enter their certification number, membership number and their last name. They will then receive an email with their username and password. In the very near future, officials will be able to review their evaluations.

It was announced that all officials working the Senior Indoor and the Senior Outdoor in 2015 will receive a \$100 per day stipend from USATF. In addition USATF Marketing advised that they are working with Nike to design a new uniform shirt. The first shirt will be at no cost to the official, but all additional shirts would need to be purchased by the official.